

## NOVEMBER 2017



## PONTRILAS & DISTRICT



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## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Dear Ladies,

It seems hard for me to believe that it is November already. The days are so much shorter. We need to plan now for next year. We managed to get you all such a good price for next year's calendar and I am asking for members help to find good homes for all of these lovely calendars. Please contact WI house if you can help (see below). If you are helping at your local Church bazaar, or anything similar, we can give you calendars on a sale or return basis. If every member bought just one calendar then we would not have a problem. Don't forget, a calendar is the perfect present for that friend or relative who has everything!!!

This is the month that most WI's are holding their Annual Meeting, there will be changes in the Officers that run WI's and they will need the support of WI members to help to keep things running smoothly.

I have visited many WI's in the past month and have met lots of members. I have been a part of your group meetings and your birthday celebrations, I thank you all very much for your friendship and hospitality.

I am still waiting for members to join our Centenary group, please come and help us.

Our International evening this year was a great success. This was held at Tarrington community hall. We celebrated India and its culture and were treated to a lovely curry by Rayeesa whose business is producing curry sauces. Rayeesa then gave a demonstration of how to make samosas. Members who had never eaten a curry before were very pleasantly surprised and will be eating it in the future. Thank you to all who made it such a success by attending and the Trustees who worked so hard to make the evening run smoothly.

Hope to see many of you at our carol service on December 4<sup>th</sup>

Best Wishes to you all

Val

Val Lewis, Telephone: 01544 327700 Email: chair.hfwie@gmail.com

### CALENDARS AND DIARIES

We still have calendars and diaries left and have extended our deadline until 30th November to order these - so please get in touch with us if you want to place an order—please contact Jane Jenkins or Pauline Shannon at WI House. Telephone 01432 272268 or email [hfwie.reception@gmail.com](mailto:hfwie.reception@gmail.com)



The calendar features photographs of members' gardens throughout the year and each page has a recipe on the back, together with a tear off postcard on the bottom of each month.

This year we managed to reduce our costs for next year's calendar by ordering a large quantity and we still have lots of them left in WI house. I am asking for members help to find good homes for all of these lovely calendars at £4.00 each. The diaries are £4.60 each and, for every diary sold, the Federation gets 10% which helps us with our Fundraising.

### CAMPAIGNS

Did you know that 2018 marks 100 years since women over 30 got the right to vote for the first time, they were also allowed to stand for Parliament.

Many of the founders of the W.I. were involved in the campaign for suffrage, and from our earliest days have always supported and encouraged women to aim for public life at all levels.

2018 also marks a hundred years since the first W.I. resolution was passed which called for action to tackle the urgent problem of lack of sanitary housing, nowadays we all take our bathrooms etcetera for granted – how times have changed.

NFWI is encouraging all WIs to mark this special year and they have developed a toolkit that can be used if your W.I. wish to mark this important anniversary.

To obtain the toolkit email [publicaffairs@nfw.org.uk](mailto:publicaffairs@nfw.org.uk)

Cicely Symonds, Campaign Representative

### Our day at the National Arboretum, Alrewas

On the 18<sup>th</sup> September our coach left Herefordshire to travel to the National Arboretum In Staffordshire. After a pleasant journey we arrived at the newly built centre, which is very imposing. Most of us headed for the restaurant area where we had welcome hot drinks and snacks before heading out into the grounds.

The Arboretum is an evolving, maturing landscape featuring 30,000 trees on a 150 acre site. At the moment there are over 300 memorials with more being added all the time. We went on the Land train which is a very good way of seeing as much as possible with an excellent commentary whilst travelling around.

We left for our journey home having had a moving but enjoyable day.

Cicely Symonds

### CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2017

The Board of Trustees invite you to:

**Holy Trinity Church, Whitecross Road,  
Hereford, HR4 ODU**

**commencing at 7.00pm**

**Cost per person £5.00  
which includes mince  
pies and mulled wine at  
the end of the concert**



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## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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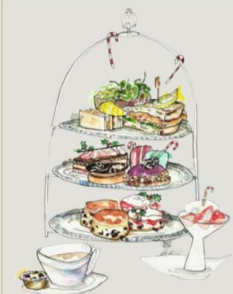
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - Cost £17.00**

Travel to Tetbury in the morning for coffee and shopping in this lovely market town, then onto Cirencester in the afternoon to visit the Church where many hand knitted and crocheted poppies will be displayed following Armistice Day. From here we can go to the Craft Fair in the Corn Hall or spend time shopping in Cirencester. **See enclosure for full details**



**Please contact Eileen Dilley, Bramley, Sutton St Nicholas, Hereford, HR1 3AY. Tel : 01432 880527 for details**

### CHRISTMAS OUTING TO CHESTER Tuesday 12th December



Calling in on Cheshire Oaks for shopping, then four more miles into Chester dressed for Christmas for more shopping. There is also the Chester Christmas market, with over 70 traditional wooden chalets situated in the heart of Chester, all wrapped around a sparkling Christmas tree. We are booked in for a splendid Afternoon Cream Tea at the Chester Grosvenor Hotel. Cost including cream tea and transport - £35

Contact Eileen Dilley on 01432 880527 for full details



### ACWW Report on the EUROPEAN AREA CONFERENCE

I attended the Conference which, this year, was held in Tirgu Mures Romania from 4th - 8th September. 162 delegates were booked from 17 countries and we were housed in the Grand Hotel and well looked after. On Tuesday 5th September the Opening Ceremony was held in the Palace of Culture, a grand ornate building in Art Nouveau style built in 1911. We were welcomed by local dignitaries. A plaque to one of the founder members, Madge Watt, had been unveiled in Canada. The World President talked to us about the rapid changes now taking place and reminded us that our 90 year old Society needs to keep pace with these changes to continue helping women worldwide. Guest speakers included Joanna Koch, UN Representative for Health Promotion who talked about the role of the ACWW to WHO and Veronica Shiroya from Kenya who talked about Health Promotion Workshops which were introduced in Kitale, Kenya four years ago.



1 Board | 6 Committees | 9 Areas | 77 Countries | 412 Societies  
9 Million Women | #WeAreACWW

Maggie Simmons, chair of Finance and Membership Committee talked about ACWW's work to improve women's lives and said that 17 new projects had been funded in 2016. Ann Marie Hovstad, Chair of Projects told us that, after 40 years in the field, over 80 countries have received funding to a total of £2.5million. We had a report from Christina Mates of Sibui on the Shelter project started 20 years ago and still giving a second chance to many women and children.

Pamela Brown and Therese Casemore of the Agricultural Committee reported on the focus on knowledge sharing and awareness on three key issues; (i) Food Sovereignty (ii) Need to reduce food waste and (iii) the importance of breast feeding infants - it is thought 800,000 deaths could be prevented by breastfeeding. The next World Conference is in Melbourne, Australia on 4th - 10th April 2019.

Please contact me if you would like more information on ACWW.

Brenda Drake, ACWW Representative

### DIARY OF EVENTS - NOVEMBER 2017

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COST	TIME
19-20 NOVEMBER	DENMAN TASTER DAY	DENMAN COLLEGE	see itinerary	see itinerary
4 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HEREFORD	£5.00	7.00pm
12 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS OUTING & AFTERNOON TEA	CHESTER	£35.00	see itinerary
29 JANUARY 2018	SPEAKERS' AUDITION EVENING	ST JOHNS HALL HEREFORD	£5.00	7.00pm
5/6 FEBRUARY 2018	TREASURERS' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£5.00	7pm/10am
6/7 MARCH 2018	SECRETARIES WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£5.00	7pm/10am
20 MARCH 2018	PLAY BOULES	TRAM INN, EARDISLEY	tba	11am
16/18 APRIL 2018	PRESIDENTS' WORKSHOP	WI HOUSE	£5.00	7pm/10am
14 MAY 2018	ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING	THREE COUNTIES HOTEL, HEREFORD	£6.50	10am-3.30pm
6 JUNE 2018	NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING	MOTORPOINT ARENA, CARDIFF	tba	see itinerary



## DENMAN REPORT



I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year when I have been the Federation's Denman Ambassador. I have really enjoyed being involved with Denman and arranging courses for you at Denman, especially the Taster Day which is on 19/20 November. I hope everyone going really enjoys their course and their time at Denman - it is a fabulous facility.

**Margaret Simcock** is taking over the role as the Federation's Denman Ambassador and I would like to wish her all the best for the future. She will be the main contact from now on and full details will follow in due course.

Jenny Winchester 07415 655126 jennywinchester77@gmail.com

## OCTOBER CRAFT DAY



Thirty-five members enjoyed a creative day in Burghill on the 7th October.



Four different crafts were on offer: Flower-arranging, paper-folding, tapestry weaving and a variety of items under the heading 'Christmas House and Garden.' You will see from the pictures what talented members we have! Many thanks to Jenny, Mary and Noella for all their hard work as tutors and to Enid, Deanna and Linda for all their help.

We are hoping to make these Craft Days a regular feature of the HFWI year, so please help us in our planning. (If you have attended a Craft Day, do please give us your feedback.) What crafts would you like us to include in future Craft Days? Would you like to have a whole day on one craft or would you prefer to do two shorter sessions on different activities? Joanna Helme - email joannahelme@gmail.com



## DENMAN COLLEGE

The new booklet for Denman courses is coming out soon, but there are still some good topics to think about at Denman. This coming January 2018, there are new classes such as -

- \* Animal Sculpture for the Garden with Powertex
- \* Gold work Embroidery for absolute beginners
- \* World Street Food, where you will learn about some of the most delicious food in the world that is not served in fancy restaurants, foods from Turkey, Spain, Japan, Austria to name just a few
- \* Mosaics - start a new hobby.

These are all listed for this coming January, so don't forget to have a look in your booklet or online at [www.denman.org.uk](http://www.denman.org.uk)

## MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE (MSC)

**Speakers' Auditions Evening:** After yet another successful Speakers' Auditions Evening held in September the next one will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7 pm in St John's Hall, Hereford. The application form is enclosed. This is a further opportunity for members to listen to and approve of, or not, would be WI speakers.

**Officers' Workshops:** As Annual Meetings approach I hope members will be willing to put themselves forward to serve on their WI committee and also to be either the President, Secretary or Treasurer. None of these positions are onerous and we, the WI Advisers, are on hand to guide you through. Officers' workshops in 2018 have been arranged: Treasurers' Workshops in February, the application form is enclosed, Secretaries in March and Presidents in April.. All dates for all workshops are with your secretary.

workshop  
training

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**Groups:** Also enclosed in this mailing is information about the HFWI Group system. Although not part of the WI constitution Groups should still be run with the ethos and principles of the WI movement. We have found that uniting several local WIs together in a "Group" gives everyone a chance to meet more members, and hold social events of any kind which perhaps their own WI is unable to do. Enjoy and support your Group!

Angela Southwell



# SPOTLIGHT

## PONTRILAS & DISTRICT WI

Venue:

Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall

Greetings to all our fellow members throughout Herefordshire and welcome to the world of Pontrilas & District W.I. on the beautiful English/Welsh border. Our WI was founded in Pontrilas in 1926 when Pontrilas was the established centre for the surrounding villages. Even in those days the majority of members lived in Ewyas Harold but it was not until the 1960s that we moved to Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall.

Today we are a modern and welcoming W.I. but proud of the fact that we are part of a respected County and National Federation. One of our members recently held a Coffee Morning to raise money for Denman College and another member has had seven photographs accepted for the County Calendars.

Our hard-working committee ensure that all our meetings are enjoyable with good speakers. Once a year we have an open meeting to which husbands, friends and the public are invited. In between meetings we have regular coffee mornings at our local pub which sometimes

extends to include lunch!

We have Theatre visits to Abergavenny and Hereford and always a wonderful Christmas Lunch party.

In August we have a 'posh' Garden Party in a member's garden.

We support each other in times of sadness or joy and, of course, we are still happy to provide special W.I. tea and cakes at village events.

Gill Reece



Coffee morning for Denman



Next Month's Spotlight article will be on **SALTMARSHE & DISTRICT WI**

### HANDICRAFTS CLUB

The club meets at the Salvation Army Citadel, Edgar Street on first Wednesdays, 11am - 12.15pm. Subscription £6, visitors £1.00. Enquiries please to: Mrs Gaille Harris, Chairman, telephone 01432 649598.

#### Future Events;

##### 1 November

Colette Gray - folk costumes of Russia, Poland and Eastern Europe.

##### 6 December

Alf & Ann Jenkins talk about Pyrography  
**3 January 2018** - Four club members present "My favourite Craft"

### DIGITAL NEWS

My WI: If you would like access to 'My WI' you can request access from the front page of [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk). Most of the information about running your WI is now on there instead of the Moodle and it is useful if you are an officer and have a query.

I have received information from NFWI that less than half the members in Herefordshire have email addresses on the MCS so that may be why you did not receive a welcome email to My WI. Check with your MCS representative.

If you are worried about your falling membership, perhaps this autumn you could think about setting up a webpage or Facebook page to publicise yourself to your local community and encourage new members?

Please contact me if you require any help or have an idea for a course; the Herefordshire WI website address and Facebook address are always on the front page of the newsletter.

Alison Lord

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### HFWI CALENDAR COMPETITION 2019

The theme for this year's entries is

**"AGRICULTURAL COUNTY OF HEREFORDSHIRE"**

Remember to continue taking photos for our competition and send in your favourite seasonal recipes for the back of each month - closing date 1st February 2018

ADVERTISEMENTS - NOVEMBER

To place your advertisements, Mrs. Ann Wood, Langtoft, Eardisley, Herefordshire, HR3 6PP Tel: 01544 327237  
Email: annandrod.284@gmail.com Copy and Payment by the 1<sup>st</sup> of previous month

ADVERTISE your church fete/sale, Charity event, delicious W.I. Teas, coffee mornings and entertainment, etc. 20p per word. PUBLICISE your business across the county from only £20 per monthly issue.  
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**Madley Craft Exhibition 2017**

18<sup>th</sup> November - 11am - 3pm

At Madley Parish Hall

Exhibition of Members Crafts

Items for Sale

Workshops

Refreshments

Free Entry

Contact: janclark@clara.co.uk

**Hereford Guild of Guides**

**Consists of a group of volunteers who**  
**do guided tours of Hereford City**

**Would you like to become a Guide?**

The Guild is offering a training course for  
interested people to become Guides.

It will consist of 8 lectures on Tuesday mornings  
starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, then weekly.

Later there will be 4 training sessions.

Total fee: £45.

For more information and application form

[www.herefordguidedwalks.org.uk](http://www.herefordguidedwalks.org.uk)

Phone: 07527 993054 - 01432 851647.

**Village Art Clubs**

**New painting classes starting in**  
**local villages!**

Beginners and experienced painters are  
very welcome at the new local art clubs.

Starting in October in Kingsland,  
Wellington and Pembridge

All details on the website -

[www.villageartclubs.co.uk](http://www.villageartclubs.co.uk) or phone

Liz Watson: 01568 368908 or

07938 563716

**Come and learn some new skills or**  
**'brush up' on some old ones!**

**TAPESTRY CANVASES**

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rugs, etc. Cheltenham 01242 233883



**MULTI CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Hereford at All Saints Church

Ledbury at The Heritage Centre

Ross on Wye in the Library

Leominster in the Library

Please support your favourite charities by buying Christmas Cards at these venues

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# WI FORUM

**BRAMPTON BRYAN** had a 'Make and Share' evening when 6 members, brought their favourite dish, with the recipe and told us why it had been chosen. The following dishes were presented: - Devonshire Splits, Cheese pie, Chocolate Fudge Brownies, Roast Bell Pepper Tart, Coffee and walnut sponge and Quiche Lorraine. This was a new venture for us and was a very happy evening enjoyed by everyone. The food was delicious and we all tried everything!

Manuel Queiroz visited **LINTON** to tell them how he flew round the world in his hand built single seater plane. Manuel's talk was interesting and often amusing and was supported by photographs of beautiful sunsets, cloud formations, mountain ranges, islands in the oceans and the odd picture of the cockpit. Elaine Russ demonstrated her skills of making a Patchwork Cover for a book to the members of **STOKE PRIOR & DISTRICT** in September. Although she didn't claim to be an expert, everyone was amazed at the result, with some hoping to complete their own covers. Felicity Norman gave a talk on her term as Mayor of Leominster at the October Meeting. She certainly attended a great deal of functions in Herefordshire, and further afield. She also gave us an insight into the workings of the local Council. We were thrilled to welcome two new members, and we were pleased to have our Adviser, June Stephens with us.

**UPTON BISHOP** welcomed Carole Dowding who gave a very entertaining evening on how she became a female helicopter pilot. She qualified as a helicopter pilot in 1980, going onto fly three different helicopters. Along her journey to becoming a pilot she met and married her husband who at the time was an Air Traffic Controller.

**BOSBURY'S** speaker, member Wendy Greensmith had brought along a wide range of Christmas decorations from Christmas trees, to patchwork table mats and wreaths, all made from fabrics. She showed us how to assemble each item using a machine. She first became interested in patchwork after she enrolled for classes to give herself an interest outside the house.

**PETERSTOW** entered two teams into the Cogan up and one team won for the third time. In October Ruth Terry demonstrated chair based exercises. Our members, although able bodied, enjoyed participating, together with the lively recorded music. We all left the meeting feeling fitter and happier.

Rowena Gale and Penny Usher from the National Garden Scheme of Herefordshire came to tell **ASTON INGHAM** about the scheme and to show us pictures of some of the gardens which are open to the public on different days during the year.

**LEDBURY GROUP MEETING** hosted by Mathon WI was entertained by Paul Whittaker OBE, profoundly deaf since birth, who gave a talk which proved to be not only inspirational but highly amusing with a good deal of audience participation. Paul is hoping to create deaf choirs, with the aim of helping deaf children.



**LLANWARNE & DISTRICT** were joined for a very special Beauty Evening by Jackie, from the Polished Nail & Beauty Lounge, Pengethly and Sophie from The Therapy Room, Much Birch. Willing volunteers enabled them to demonstrate and advise on the treatments which they can offer and left us looking neater and more relaxed than when we arrived!



**WYE WOMEN** invited John Turrell to present "Skeletons in the Cupboard" - an illustrated guide to tracing your family history. The walking group followed the Mordiford Loop and The Moon at Mordiford was the venue for our well-deserved pub lunch!

Nick Wilkes spoke to **LEDBURY** about his 'Life in the Theatre'. He spoke of his training at The Old Vic and the many venues in which he has acted

with roles ranging from Shakespeare to Pantomime. He has also been in stage management and other behind the scenes roles.

Jackie Cox, a local artist and art teacher, came to talk to **ASTON INGHAM** and teach the art of pastel painting, made popular by the artist, Edgar Degas. Most members attempted pastel painting with pencils, smudging was fun and very forgiving for those of us who aren't good at drawing. It was a fun afternoon, one to be repeated.





# WI FORUM



**SALTMARSHE & DISTRICT** listened to a firm favourite of theirs: Mr. David Barrie on "Confessions of a Wine Taster". Our picture shows us getting ready to taste a red wine. His journey through the world of wine and his stories gathered along the way kept us very entertained. For October the speaker cancelled, so after a Bring and Buy table, which did good trading Wendy invited each of us to say a few words about ourselves.



Guide Dogs, represented by Richard Nash, Jean Embellin and Shirley Sheridan with her guide dog Taylor, were the speakers at **BROMYARD**. Richard gave a most informative talk about the history of guide dogs and his experiences as a "puppy walker". Shirley, a member of Hot Peppers WI in Upton-upon-Severn, lived up to the WI maxim "Inspiring Women" with an account of the life changing difference her guide dog has made to her previous restricted and

isolated existence. October brought craft; members' skills were displayed at a Mayoral fundraising event and members visited a local care home to share their talents at flower arranging as part of an ongoing project under the alleviating loneliness resolution. At the October meeting, following a demonstration by Caroline Wilding, members took advantage of the opportunity to make a Christmas card.



In the last few months **BARTESTREE & LUGWARDINE** have heard about the trials and tribulations of life running a B&B from Rosemary Prosser and spent an evening with Collette Mansell Gray viewing her Art Deco collection. In August instead of having a meeting we visited Wightwick Manor in Wolverhampton. At the September meeting members had a flower arranging workshop which was organised by Portia and Wendy, when each member made a table arrangement.

The **HOLMER** October meeting included a demonstration and talk by Jan Matthews, and her Peruvian assistant Mercedes, about the craft of felting in its various forms. Jan told us that felting is a very cost effective hobby which can produce some surprising, attractive and useful results. During the evening, members were enthralled to watch Mercedes work on a picture of a field of poppies, using the wet felting technique, which you can see being admired by Jackie Hancock in the photo.



The Poppy Factory was the subject of the October meeting for **DINEDOR & HOLME LACY**. Tim Howson spoke about the history and his link with this worthwhile charity which, amongst other things works towards a vision in which every wounded, sick or injured person who has served in HM Forces can return to paid and meaningful civilian employment. Each WI member was encouraged to make their own poppy and donate accordingly; a number of poppy items had been brought along for the competition.



Members learning a lot of very useful information on the **DRIVER REFRESHER DAY**.

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